

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please add the following new paragraph at page 2, line 1:

--This application is a continuation of and claims the benefit of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/954,841, entitled " Luminous Bacteria And Methods For The Isolation, Identification And Quantitation Of Toxicants ", filed on September 18, 2001, now U.S. Patent No. \_\_\_\_\_, which is a continuation of and claims priority to U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/390,525, now U.S. Patent No. 6,340,572, which is a continuation of and claims priority to U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 07/680,678, now U.S. Patent No. 6,017,722, and the specification of each of the foregoing is incorporated herein by reference.--